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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S MEETING WITH SYG WALDHEIM, MARCH 12:
SAHARA

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT BRIEFED SYG WALDHEIM CONCERNING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S CONSULTATIONS, ALONG LINES STATE 59230 NOTAL. SYG REPLIED THAT HIS OWN THOUGHTS CORRESPONDED CLOSELY WITH ATHERTON'S IMPRESSIONS. THE SITUATION WAS "VERY SERIOUS", WITH NO SOLUTION IN SIGHT. THE SAHARA "REPUBLIC'S" DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE MADE THE SITUATION MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. RYDBECK'S MISSION STILL WOULD CONTINUE, ALTHOUGH COMPLICATIONS HAD DEVELOPED. ONE QUESTION IS HOW RYDBECK CAN CONSULT THE 30,000-40,000 SAHARAN REFUGEES IN ALGERIA. ANOTHER QUESTION INVOLVES MOROCCAN OPPOSITION TO RYDBECK CONTACTS WITH POLISARIO WHICH NOW HAS PROCLAIMED ITSELF A GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR RYDBECK'S TRAVEL, THE LONGER ONE WAITS THE MORE COMPLICATED THE QUESTION BECOMES AND HIS REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24 AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WALDHEIM DID OBSERVE THAT EVEN
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WERE CONTACTS MADE WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SAHARA "REPUBLIC",

THERE NEVER IS A QUESTION OF THE UN RECOGNIZING STATES;
IT ONLY ADMITS THEM TO THE ORGANIZATION. IN ANY EVENT,
SYG WALDHEIM EXPECTS A LONG WAR OF ATTRITION IN SAHARA,
BUT, HOPEFULLY, NO OPEN CONFLICT.

2. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO US FOR THE
BRIEFING AND FOR THE US HAVING STAYED IN CLOSE CONTACT
WITH HIM OVER THE SAHARA.
BENNETT

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